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Wilberforce pharmacist seeking doctor shortage solution

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Dr. Khosrow Eshkour is proud of the modern medical centre space built into the back of the building he had completely gutted before opening the Wilberforce Pharmacy in 2011. But the clinic, built with support from council at that time, is clean, fully equipped and sitting largely empty and unused while area residents drive to see family doctors in Haliburton, Bancroft, Kinnmount and Fenelon Falls.

So on April 9, Eshkour approached council with a temporary solution until a full-time doctor can be hired in the area: telemedicine.

His idea, as he explained to council, is to enable patients to have access to a doctor via telemedicine, using two-way videoconferencing, while a full-time nurse on-site assists with any clinical needs five days a week. Eshkour has been in touch with some interested doctors who are keen to participate in the program, attending the clinic occasionally when need be.

His ask is that council support a telemedicine program by helping to fund the telemedicine equipment, a secure system protecting confidentiality which costs

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Savouring the taste of spring

Grade 1 student Edie Hayes got a taste of maple taffy at Esson Creek Maple while on a field trip to the Wilberforce family-run operation with Stuart Baker Elementary School on April 9. Read more on page 5. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

TLDSB director says no discipline for students, teachers after walkout

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Larry Hope, director of Trillium Lakelands District School Board said that no disciplinary action was taken on staff, or on students or parents participating in

the #StudentsSayNo walkout on April 4 because it was not warranted.

"In TLDSB at this point we have no evidence to suggest that any kind of discipline is required," he said. "We were not given any kind of feedback from local law enforcement that students behaved inappropriately, our principals have not reported back to us that there was any

inappropriate conduct of teachers or of students or of parents for that matter because we did have some parents supporting this."

Hope was responding to an open letter written to him by representatives of the Trillium Lakelands Elementary

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Budget geared to grow business, Scott says

JENN WATT

Editor

Labour Minister and local MPP Laurie Scott said last week's budget offers stability in key areas such as health and education, while creating incentives for business to thrive in Ontario.

Efforts over the last year to boost job creation and support the skilled trades will improve the economy, she said, pointing to changes in apprenticeship ratios and a new skill-set model.

"This is now going to allow apprentices to train in certain specific components of a trade rather than having to complete the entire trade. It makes it easier on both the employers to take on apprentices with that flexibility and it's the opportunity and options for apprentices for completing training," Scott said in a phone interview from Kitchener-Waterloo on Monday.

She said since the PCs formed government in 2018, investment announcements have been happening around the province, including in Haliburton County, such as roof replacement at both Minden and Haliburton health-care sites.

Scott pointed to two new initiatives as having a direct impact on residents of the Highlands: the new Childcare Access and Relief from Expenses, or CARE, tax credit; and the dental care for low-income seniors program.

CARE provides families up to \$6,000 a year, in the case of children under seven, for eligible childcare costs, including daycare, home-based care and camp. Scott said 87 per cent of households in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock would qualify for childcare expense relief.

"So parents can have the choice of how they use their credit. It's relief targeted at low- and middle-income families that will make a big difference," Scott said.

Dental care for low-income seniors would also benefit thousands of residents in the riding, she said, with a

press release from her office stating: "At least two-thirds of low-income seniors do not have access to dental care ... There are over 3,000 low-income seniors in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, who could potentially benefit from this program."

Lisa Kerr, of the Volunteer Dental Outreach, which currently provides free dental services to those who cannot afford it within Haliburton County, said what was announced in the budget still poses challenges for low-income seniors.

"It appears that the plan to provide dental care for seniors will involve asking seniors to travel to a government institution. If this is the case it seems that the dental program will be very difficult for residents of Haliburton County to access. There are currently public health dental clinics in Port Hope and Lindsay which are too far for most low-income Haliburton residents who have difficulty paying for the gas or obtaining rides to these clinics which is a major reason why VDO was started in the first place," she said via email to the *Echo*.

Scott said mobile dental buses and increasing the number of dental suites would help to bridge that gap.

"There's that option [mobile dental buses] that they're hoping to roll out by December, but again I think there's more conversations that need to occur."

The \$163.4 billion budget includes a \$10.3 billion deficit for this fiscal year, with a plan to return to balance by 2023-2024.

Scott said her party had to take a "reasonable approach" to change and wanted to focus on maintaining vital services.

"We would have preferred ... to balance the budget sooner, but we recognized that it would be very disruptive and so we have created a climate, because we have some pretty good [economic] numbers since we've come in, ... basically where businesses felt assured that the province was moving in the right direction and moving responsibly," she said.

Forest Festival focuses on indoor venue in 2019

The annual Forest Festival, held at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, will be basing its concerts out of the upgraded Logging Museum as it completes renovations on the Bone Lake Amphitheatre this season.

Organizers released details about the upcoming season, which runs from Aug. 14 to 18 and includes Steven Page, The Slocan Ramblers, The Satalites, Collette Savard and The Savants, Soul Stew, Amanda Rheame, and CBC's Tom Allen.

For the first time, the festival will be offering licensed dance parties – on Friday, Aug. 16 and Saturday, Aug. 17. "Get your boogie on with two of Canada's best party bands," a release from the Forest Festival reads.

The festival wraps with Tom Allen's chamber musical, described as "an adventure story set in the future, with classical music and original songs. Featuring Patricia O'Callaghan."

For more details about performers, check out the festival's Facebook page.

Echo wins awards in Better Newspapers competition

The *Haliburton County Echo* took home first prize in general excellence for its circulation category at the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Better Newspapers Competition on Friday, April 5.

A special ceremony was held during the OCNA spring convention in Vaughan, revealing first, second and third place finishes.

"The *Haliburton County Echo* excels," the judges wrote. "It's got all the news people need to know, but it also explores the human element. A front page feature on one of Canada's first couples to die together under the new assisted dying legislation is respectfully and lovingly told, as was the profile about a beloved local icon who died. The editorial pages reflect this diversity with lots of original content as well as a forum for readers' views. Darren Lum's sports photography rivals that of much bigger papers."

The article referenced by the judges, "Bishops leave Haliburton hand in hand," by Sue Tiffin, was also honoured with a first place finish in feature writing. "A well written, well researched article that touches not just on a couple but also on a sensitive issue with just the right touch. Extremely well done by Sue Tiffin," the judge wrote.

The *Echo* also took home a third place finish for best sports section and a third in local retail layout.

The paper received an honourable mention in the heritage category for the story "Documenting thousands of years of human history in the Highlands," about the Indigenous roots of the region.

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Telemedicine could connect Wilberforce patients with doctors

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about \$45,000 and the cost of a full-time nurse, about \$50,000 to \$60,000 annually.

"I know it sounds like a lot of money, but I think it would serve the community," he told council. "We have tried to get a doctor in every possible way, we have not succeeded so far."

He noted that a new doctor is coming – her name is Dr. Megan Fannon, and she plans to join the Bancroft Family Health Team/North Hastings Family Health Team in the fall of 2020 – but that the telemedicine service could serve the area residents until she arrives.

"If that doctor is going to come then we can move this aside and allow the other doctor to come in, but for the meanwhile I think this is a great idea for the community," he told council. The clinic in Eshkour's pharmacy currently invites two dentists for monthly visits as well, a program that has been considered successful by Eshkour for about five years now.

Eshkour said a telemedicine program would eliminate residents having to drive to see a specialist, or deal with wait times in busy areas.

"In any of these towns around us within the proximity of Wilberforce, there's a lot of patients without a doctor," he told the *Echo*. "This area is underserved, definitely, Wilberforce is underserved, and I think having a clinic would give a great essential service, something that is really needed, to the community. There is no doubt in my mind that there is more than enough patients for a practice in Wilberforce."

"I think it definitely would work, the need is there. Why wouldn't it work, it's working everywhere else," he told the *Echo*. "Most [clinics] of Northern Ontario now have a telemedicine clinic in them."

Council received the information, with Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall suggesting they find out how many people are looking for a doctor. "I'd like to consider this," he said.

Eshkour replied that as an example, he knows of a number of patients needing to go to Bancroft and wait simply to get a prescription renewal.

"If you do have a clinic set up, and you do have a full-time nurse practitioner, I don't think you will have a shortage of patients," he told council.

Eshkour told the *Echo* that research shows having a doctor in the area could bring more than \$1 million to the economy, as people finished at their appointment might shop, eat, fill their prescription and support local businesses, as many are likely doing when they are leaving town for their doctor appointments.

"Truthfully I'm involved in a number of projects but this one is close to my heart, this is something because it's so remote, and it's so needed, you feel different about it, you have that burning desire to get it to work," he said. "It's easy to set up a clinic in Toronto and find doctors, everyone wants to be near Toronto, but it's hard to open a clinic in a remote area and find a doctor. The challenges are huge for this area ... and you develop a good relationship with your patients ... It would make me very, very happy."



Dr. Khosrow Eshkour, pharmacist and owner of Wilberforce Pharmacy on Loop Road, made a delegation to council on April 9, proposing telemedicine until a full-time on-site doctor is hired. A telemedicine service in which a nurse attends to patients who speak with a doctor remotely via a video system could be hosted at Eshkour's pharmacy, which includes a clinic seen here./SUE TIFFIN Staff



Dr. Khosrow Eshkour, right, made a presentation to Highlands East council last week about his idea to provide a telemedicine program from the clinic space in his pharmacy.

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In any of these towns around us within the proximity of Wilberforce, there's a lot of patients without a doctor.

— Dr. Khosrow Eshkour

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Easter Sunday - April 21st at 8:00 and 9:30 am

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Good Friday - April 19th at 2:00 pm
Easter Sunday - April 21st at 11:30 am

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'We value the voice of our young people,' Hope says

from page 1

Teachers Local of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation on April 8.

The letter to Hope came after Minister of Education Lisa Thompson spoke against the province-wide student-led walkouts held in the afternoon of April 4.

An estimated 100,000 or more students from 700 elementary and secondary schools – including all seven secondary schools in the TLDSB – participated in the walkout to protest the Progressive Conservative government's proposed changes to public education, including OSAP cuts, class size changes, and potential teacher job loss.

In her statement, Thompson said teachers are, "enabling students to skip classes. And even when students are in class, too many teachers are choosing to use students as a captive audience for the union's political agenda."

Karen Bratina, president, TLETL and Colin Matthew, president, OSSTF District 15, said Thompson "dismissed the activism of the student organizers and attempted to spin a false narrative about the role of teachers and teachers' unions."

"We've had several questions asked of us about organization and I think the path was very clear leading up to [the walkout]," said Hope. "There was a tremendous amount of social media traffic by young people about this, there was a very good network of students who brought their voice to the table, and we saw that through the media, we saw it through social media, so I think everyone was very aware of this."

Thompson said she "expects all boards,

to take action to discipline anyone who abandons their classroom responsibilities."

"Public education is a right of all Ontarians," reads the TLETL and OSSTF's letter to Hope. "Teachers and education workers are highly trained professionals who work every day in the best interests of their students. Given both the importance of an educated populace and the cost of public education, the people of Ontario deserve the facts when it comes to their education system including the integrity and professionalism of the teachers and the leadership, both locally and provincially."

The open letter called on Hope "to set the record straight and reassure the public that not only were no teachers disciplined with regards to the student walkout but that both the school board and the teachers of TLDSB continue to act in accordance with the standards of their profession and work in the best interest of students, parents, and the education community in accordance with the laws of Ontario."

Hope said work done on the TLDSB strategic plan about two years ago saw feedback from parents, staff and students asking the board to value the strength of everyone's voice.

"So we've ... built a foundation of valuing the voice of our constituents, whether that be parents or students or staff," he said. "And so when students have a voice, in whatever way they do it, so long as it's respectful, so long as it's safe, so long as it is truly founded on what they believe in, we pay attention to that and we value the voice of our young people."

Hope said parents were sent a message prior to the event happening to inform

them their students might choose to walk out, and asking parents to discuss safety, and respectful behaviour with their kids if they were opting to walk out and participate in the protest.

Students absent from class were

marked accordingly in attendance records.

About 50 students participated in the HHSS walkout, which was organized by Grade 12 student Chloé Samson.

Antique cameras stolen in break and enter

Police are seeking the public's assistance in solving a break and enter incident in Haliburton.

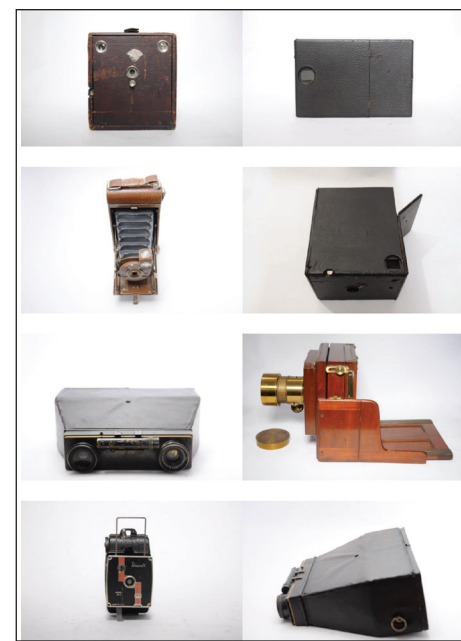
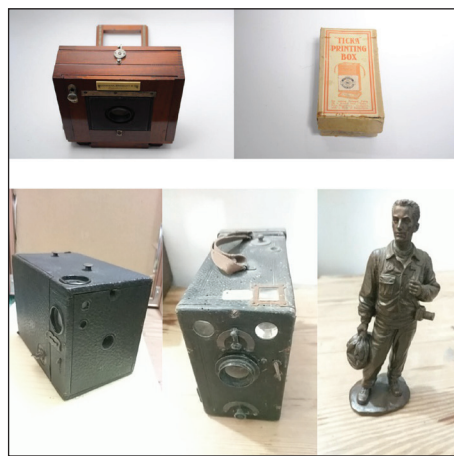
Several items were stolen from Castle Antiques on Maple Avenue sometime overnight between Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9.

The OPP says the store was accessed through a window at the side of the building and many items were stolen including a collection of antique cameras.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Ontario

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SBES takes a sweet trip to Esson Creek Maple

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Standing at the Esson Creek Maple sugar shack on April 9, one could turn their head and spot groups of excited kids in every direction at the family-run business.

There, next to the evaporator, Josh Bramham was showing a group of Grade 1 Stuart Baker Elementary School students – who cheered for each log put onto the fire – how to keep the maple syrup production process going. His wife, Heather, was taking a group photo of another class of students balancing on a snow hill, prior to their mouths being covered with taffy. Josh's dad Mark was leading a class on a hike through the snow-covered trails on the Wilberforce property and Sandra Bramham, Josh's mom, was standing next to a pot of boiling maple syrup, keeping an eye on the contents as it warmed to be poured onto snow for a tasty taffy treat for wide-eyed youngsters. Little Wesley Bramham oversaw it all, between eating mouthfuls of snow.

Six SBES classes – three on April 9 and three on April 10 – visited Esson Creek Maple on the Bramhams' Greenmantle Farm this year for an early spring field trip. The maple syrup operation is currently in its third year of business, with 1,730 taps, up from 1,200 last year and 530 in their first year.

The maple syrup season runs on average for about six weeks, but last year it ran for nine weeks.

"Sap is really starting to flow now," said Heather after the excitement of the day. "[April 9] was the most sap we'd ever collected."

Heather said bus funding for the trip was made possible by the local Haliburton-Kawartha chapter of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association.

"One of their main goals, and ours as being members, is to promote Ontario maple syrup and get folks – especially young ones – excited about maple."

As kids licked their lips and covered their tongues in maple taffy before getting back to running around in the shade of maple trees, that sweet goal was clearly met.

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One of their main goals, and ours as being members, is to promote Ontario maple syrup...

— Heather Bramham

Job seekers and employers invited to Haliburton County Job Fair on April 25

If you are looking for work, the Haliburton County Job Fair is the place to be on Thursday, April 25.

Hosted by Fleming CREW Employment Centre and taking place at Pinestone Resort between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., the Job Fair is an opportunity for job seekers to meet face-to-face with employers from across Haliburton County who are looking to fill full-time, part-time, seasonal and permanent positions.

Attendees are encouraged to bring recent copies of their resumes and be prepared to share strengths and work experience with potential employers.

Participation in the Haliburton County Job Fair is free for employers and job seekers. There will be a chance to win door prizes, and refreshments will be generously provided by Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

Business owners wishing to take advantage of this recruitment opportunity are encouraged to call Fleming CREW Employment Centre before Friday, April 19 to secure their space.

Job seekers who would like assistance with refreshing their resume or arranging transportation to and from the event can contact Fleming CREW Employment Centre 705-457-2020, flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca or visit 49 Maple Avenue to speak with an employment and training consultant between Monday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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SBES students gather around Josh Bramham as he explains the maple syrup production process.



Grade 1 student Brantley Reynolds got a close look at the maple syrup production process.



SBES students walk through the snow-covered trails on Greenmantle Farm in Wilberforce while learning about the maple syrup production process of Esson Creek Maple on April 9./SUE TIFFIN Staff



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Moving on transit

COMPARED to many in Haliburton County I don't drive much. My commute is barely long enough for me to hear a single song on the car radio before I'm safely parked at work. In fact, the walk from the Head Lake parking lot across Highland Street to the *Echo* office likely takes me longer than the drive does. (I'll save my annual crosswalk plea for later.)

So when I got an email last month from Tina Jackson of Rural Transportation Options about the Haliburton Transit Challenge, I didn't think I was a good example of that need.

However, as March plodded along, the challenge kept popping into my head. Jackson had asked that we take a week to record how much we were driving and what the cost of that travel would be if we were no longer able to use our vehicles.

I got my act together too late and ended up recording travel during the first week of April. Still, I figured the practice was worth it.

From Monday to Thursday morning I drove back and forth from home to work – about two kilometres each way. In the first three days of the week I'd gone 12 km. Information from Rural Transportation Options said taxi rides cost \$2 per kilometre. In three days, that would have been \$24. Still relatively affordable.

On Thursday evening, however, things changed. I had a newspaper conference in Vaughan to attend – about 200 km each way. Suddenly that taxi fare wasn't looking so easy to stomach.

Although this is outside the purview of the transit challenge or the abilities of county council to solve, our current options for getting out of this county are bad. Had I needed to take transit to Vaughan I don't

know where I would have started. Perhaps the Can-Ar coach bus that leaves from the gas station at 8 a.m.? I would have missed an extra day of work and would have had to find a connecting bus from Lindsay with untold extra cost.

On Sunday I went about my errands, putting another six or seven kilometres on my car.

In the end, my experience was on the easier end of transportation options. I live close to work and close to shopping. Many people I know drive at least 20 km to and from work each day.

Other than forming informal agreements with fellow commuters for rides, they have no options to get to work other than with their vehicle. Taxis would not be a practical long-term solution.

Jackson said for those who end up without a car for various reasons, there are few options available. Some businesses have made arrangements to help their employees get to work; some people rely on bicycles or snowmobiles; others risk a traf-

fic ticket and drive without a licence or in cars that aren't in good repair.

"Oftentimes, though, the result of not having suitable and affordable transportation results in withdrawal from (or lack of entrance into) the labour market," Jackson said in an email.

Haliburton County council is expected to discuss options for a new transportation option as early as this month.

If nothing else, the transportation challenge illustrates how few alternatives we currently have and the obstacles to employment for those who can't afford a car or aren't able to drive.

The problem is huge and daunting, but we need to start somewhere. Hopefully county councillors set the wheels in motion soon.



jenn
watt

Editorial



Early spring sunset

by Darren Lum

Hope for warmer days

AS I SIT here to write my article I look out the window and I can see that rain and freezing rain will begin shortly. I was outside a lot of yesterday and it was warm and sunny and I got attached to it. I keep believing that winter is over and the warm spring days are here permanently. And then it gets cold or it snows or rains.

It is in these moments that I have to practice so much patience. Patience with the mud. Patience with the snow that still covers our yard. Patience when it is colder than what I want it to be. Patience when I still have to wear a warm coat or mittens. Patience with my own impatience.

There are signs that spring is coming and I have to admit that I rely on them. I think everyone smiles when they see their first pussywillow. They are a sign of hope to all. Birds start to return to the county and so far my friends have reported bluebirds, sandhill cranes, robins, great blue herons, red-winged blackbirds, woodcocks, pheobes, song sparrows, juncos, winter wrens and more. These birds know that warm weather is coming. I love to listen to their spring "find a mate" song. It is so full of hope as they stake out their territory, start looking for a female and eventually build their nests.

The snow is going to melt in the forest and the sea of trilliums and trout lilies will appear and we will be able to harvest wild leeks. We will get into our gardens and dig soon. We are going to see our garlic shoots emerge. Our daffodils will poke out and we will be looking for hints of green in the stem of the rose bushes to see if they survived. We will be able to sit on our deck in the morn-

ing sun and have a cup of coffee or tea. The buds on the trees will gradually emerge. The bugs will return and we will complain about them.

Kids of all ages will get their bikes out. The playground will be full of kids running around and playing. Our diets will change as the seasons change and we will be able to

eat more fresh and locally grown food. The farmers' markets will start up again. We will get to dig out our spring and summer clothing. The warm spring days will return.

But today they are calling for rain and freezing rain. And so I'll take this opportunity to curl up with a good book, make a yummy dinner and maybe have a nap. In the big picture, we are lucky to live up here and to have the seasons that provide us with so many opportunities. So I'll be patient as I wait for the warm spring days.

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points of view

Tats for cats

NOT ALL THAT long ago, I was speaking with an old friend about tattoos and how neither of us had ever bothered to get one. We both agreed this was strange considering the fact that we are both ultra-cool, middle-aged men who do our best to keep abreast of all the current, hip trends.

Just in case you have any doubts, let me just say Tom frequently wears a Tilley hat and I have recently learned most of the words to the *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* song and often refer to total strangers as "Dude."

Despite these "street credentials," the idea of getting a tat (as we "chilled" folks call them) has never crossed my mind, probably because, as a left-hander who grew up with cheap pens, I have already dealt with enough ink on my skin.

Also when I was young, whenever the subject of tattoos came up, the old geezers always said, "I hope you don't regret it later in life." Ironically, no one ever said that about becoming a columnist.

That's why my buddy rocked my world the other day when he announced that he got a tattoo of a peregrine falcon on his forearm.

I'm not going to lie to you. I was a little envious.

Heck, I caught myself thinking, "What's next? A new Tilley hat?"

I guess I was a little disappointed too. I always thought the only way either of us would

ever get a tattoo would be because a cell mate insisted.

But, no, Tom went rogue. I blame it on the YouTube.

Now, I believe I am part of a dying breed – one of only 14 or so people in the world who have yet to get a tattoo. Honestly, almost everyone I know has a visible tattoo or, I strongly suspect, is hiding one in places I'd rather not know about. In fact, I have a theory that the only reason you see tattoos on people is because they have already inked up all the places you can't see – which probably explains why Tom wears that Tilley Hat.

Pretty soon, if my calculations are correct, there will be so many tattoos out there and so little unadorned skin left that the artists will have to start marketing to other species. And by that I mean primarily cats.

Cats are clearly the obvious choice. First off, "Tats for cats" would be a bitchin' name for a feline-based tattoo parlor. Also, cats are probably the coolest of all pets and therefore would be open to tattoos and wear them ironically, just to annoy their human counterparts. The best part of tattoos on cats is that if they decided they no longer wanted to show their tattoos, they could just let their hair grow back over it – which is why, if I ever do get a tattoo, it will be in my ears.

I imagine my cat, Mumbles, would probably start with a Three Blind Mice tattoo on his shoulder – and then, if that worked out, he'd probably plan a sleeve that incorporated several balls of yarn and a bird cage with an open door and feathers hanging in the air.

Not that I've given this much thought.

But I digress.

I am cool about Tom's tattoo and look forward to seeing it. I just hope he doesn't regret it later in life.



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galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo is from 1947 of the curling club work crew at the Hay Lumber property, now Haliburton Forest. Volunteer labour built the curling club, writes Wayne Hussey, who brought in this photo for Pic of the Past. Top row: Lloyd Hussey, Harry Bishop, Cliff Elstone. Bottom row, Carl Hussey, Merle Pringle, Len Herron, Gord Reynolds, and Hugh Burke.

letters to the editor

Responding to warnings

To the Editor,

Canada's Changing Climate Report has issued a warning. Canada is warming at a rate twice that of the rest of the world. In response, our governments need to immediately embrace measures that decrease greenhouse gas emissions and to plan for mitigation measures.

Unfortunately, the Ontario government has cancelled the "cap and trade" system, a market based system that puts a cap on the amount of greenhouse gases large industries can emit each year. The independent, non-partisan position of Environmental Commissioner has been eliminated along with five related jobs. In a statement, former commissioner Dianne Saxe said that "Ontario has gutted most of its climate change program. Most of the cap-and-trade money was funding energy efficiency programs in Ontario communities – in schools, public housing, transit and hospitals – that would have reduced GHGs and saved millions of dollars in energy costs." The Financial Accountability Officer has stated that the loss of revenue exceeds the savings from cancelling the spending programs.

Since the cancellation of cap and trade, 758 renewable energy contracts have been eliminated, including a bioheat project, aimed at heating downtown businesses in Haliburton. Similar projects had been planned for Minden and Highlands East. Business owners were projected to save 30 per cent of their heating bills, and, as well as saving energy, the Haliburton project would have created five to six jobs – an environmental and an economic win for the community. Most of the cancelled projects across the province are similar – the loss of which will impact those employed by small businesses, hurt small investors and halt the production of clean energy. Energy Minister Greg Rickford, who described green energy projects as "unnecessary and wasteful," seems shockingly unaware of the long-term environmental and economic benefits.

The climate plan of the Ford government, the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan, requires heavy polluters to reduce their emissions to a specific target. These polluters are paid to reduce their emissions from a fund called the Ontario Carbon

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Government policy 'inadequate'

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Trust which uses taxpayers' dollars. There is no incentive to reduce emissions independently if a company can be paid by the public to do it. It has not been a success in Australia where it was previously used. In her final report, Dianne Saxe describes the government's climate policy as "very inadequate, very frightening."

Mr. Ford is quite willing to use tax dollars to pay polluters. This is in contrast to the Cap and Trade System that required the polluter to pay and to provide money for a green transition, not relying on tax dollars. The Conservative government will contribute \$400 million over four years to encourage energy efficiency. The Cap and Trade was able to invest \$1.6 billion per year into new energy projects and conservation programs.

As a result of the inadequacy of the Conservative government's climate plan, Ontario will be subject to the Federal Government's backstop carbon pricing. About 80% of consumers will receive a rebate large enough to compensate their extra costs and in some cases, individuals or families who conserve energy carefully may actually end up with a profit. Carbon pricing has been shown to be the most efficient and cost effective way to reduce emissions. Why then would Doug Ford spend \$30 million dollars of tax money to fight the federal government's carbon tax? Where will this money come from- health? Education? Why is the Ontario government abdicating its responsibility to address the single most pressing threat to the health and economic wellbeing of its citizens? For the People? I think not!

Elizabeth Turner

Student art show and sale Thursday evening

A flurry of activity is happening in the studios of Fleming College. Students are busy preparing for We Made It! the end of semester art exhibition hosted by current students in full-time diploma and certificate programs at the Haliburton School of Art + Design. This one-day show will take place on Thursday, April 18 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

We Made It! provides an opportunity for emerging artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents. The student-based initiative will feature a variety of media from winter semester students including glassblowing, artist blacksmithing, jewelry, drawing, Digital Image Design, Integrated Design and Visual Creative Arts Diploma students. Artists will be available to discuss their works and answer questions. Select works will be available for purchase. The exhibition is free of charge and open to all. Join inspiring art students for light refreshments as well as the opportunity to explore the unique and stimulating space that is the Haliburton School of Art + Design.

Submitted by Erin Lynch

Rose Humphrey celebrates 100th birthday

The Sunny Rock B&B's Sally Moore and Jan Clarke along with Izobel and Gus Janca did not think March 7 was a day like all days. They thought it was a once-in-a-lifetime occasion to be invited to a luncheon at a restaurant in north Toronto. Twenty other friends and relatives thought so too!

March 7, you see, was a day like all days only filled with an event that altered and illuminated our times.

Rose Humphrey for the 100th time celebrated a birthday. This time with all of us!

Sorry if you were not one of the privileged few to attend. However, I'm certain you will, once again this summer, see Rose on Scotts Dam Road. Or with her skateboard, her son Vern and friend Bonnie around Sunny Rock. Rose will be the one in the yellow polka dot bikini!

Just like the one she wore first time up with her husband Ross when they vacationed in the Engles By Kashagawan and West Guilford making friends with the Hicks, Sawyers, Vie Smith and lately Sally Moore, Jan and neighbors Izobel and Gus Janca. Say: "Hello." And wish her: "Many happy returns, Rose! Many happy returns!"

Submitted by Ron Adams



JDHES students raise autism awareness

Students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School celebrated Autism Awareness Day by Lighting it Up Blue and donning blue clothing and posing together with the Autism Ontario flag in support of the Autism community./Submitted by Lisa Phillips

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Civil marriages to be offered in Highlands East

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Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at an April 9 meeting of Highlands East council.

Highlands East clerk Robyn Rogers said in her time with the municipality she hasn't had inquiries about getting marriage licences or having a civil marriage ceremony performed, but did have a request from resident Nancy Wright-Laking regarding whether the municipality would consider civil marriages to be conducted, as Wright-Laking, a previous clerk, can do so.

"In 2004, the Marriage Act was amended to allow municipal clerks or an individual under contract with the municipality to perform civil marriages," said a report from Rogers. "Since that time, many municipalities have implemented

these services as a way to provide a low cost, simple alternative to traditional costly wedding ceremonies. This would provide an increased convenience to year round and seasonal residents who choose to marry."

Rogers said Wright-Laking, "has had the authority and opportunity to be a wedding officiant and has conducted hundreds of ceremonies and is requesting that the clerk's authority be delegated to her to provide the service."

Revenue would be generated from issuing licences and conducting ceremonies.

Council agreed to provide marriage licences and the solemnization of marriages. A bylaw will be brought forward in the future.

Mutual aid plan

Highlands East Fire Department will continue participating in a mutual aid plan that sees fire departments throughout Haliburton County assist each other in case of major emergency. The plan has been in place in the county since fire departments were formed, but has recently been revised with some wording changes, requiring it to come back to Highlands East council for approval.

"The mutual aid plan sets out assignments for extra resources in a major emergency," said Chris Baughman, acting fire chief, in his report to council. "This could be tanker trucks for water shuttle or man power for a long duration emergency. It also allows and ensures that during a major emergency that coverage is maintained through the rest of the county. Mutual aid is provided at no cost to a municipality on a reciprocal basis."

Last year's hydro transformer station fire in Minden is an example of a situation

benefiting from the mutual aid plan.

"Overall our mutual aid plan works quite well and our departments are working very well together," said Baughman in his report to council. "Increased joint training and standardization will only lead to more cohesive responses to major emergencies within the county."

Council unanimously approved ongoing participating in the plan.

Council speaking up

A new sound system providing wireless microphones for council and staff who sit at the council table, a microphone for the podium where staff and delegations engage with council, an ear-suspension earphone and a new screen to better project visuals that include council agendas and presentations is expected to make council meetings more accessible.

Hearing councillors speak at council meetings held in the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, with council on stage and staff, members of the gallery and the media at seats on the main level has proven to be difficult.

The LWC has a speaker and microphone system, but the number of microphones – one – is inadequate for the number of councillors. Additionally the current sound system board has been overused and is aged.

The cost of a new sound system totals \$12,804 from LB Brown Audio Visual Ltd.

"While this was not a projected cost in the approved 2019 budget it is a cost that really would be an asset to the municipality as council has never had a sound system for its meetings, it would provide a device to assist individuals who require accommodation and that the system may be relocated with some adjustment of wiring etc. if location was to change," said a report from Robyn Rogers, clerk.

Council opted to remove the cost for the sound system from reserves.

Investing in South Wilberforce Bridge

The municipality will be applying for funding to replace South Wilberforce Bridge from the Canada Infrastructure Program.

Council approved the application to the ICIP, which is prioritizing road, bridge, air and/or marine infrastructure projects that improve transportation infrastructure in its first intake. Municipalities under 100,000 population are eligible to apply.

"The South Wilberforce Bridge has been identified as being in poor condition and recommended to be replaced within one to five years," says a report from Shannon

Hunter, CAO/treasurer. "The estimated cost to replace the current bridge from the structural engineer is approximately \$650,000. This cost does not include engineering or environmental assessments. It is further recommended that the municipality replaces the current one lane bridge with a two lane bridge."

The ICIP application is for \$1.4 million, with the municipality promising to pay 6.67 per cent of that at a cost of \$93,380 if approved.

Financial software

Financial software at a cost of \$153,160 was approved by council, in an effort according to a report by Hunter, to improve financial operational functions, resolve continuing challenges with the current financial software and promote efficiencies and effectiveness in the workplace.

Hunter said software demonstrations from Diamond Municipal Solutions and Vadim Software took place on April 4.

"Administration and financial staff participated in the evaluation of the various modules which included property taxation, accounts receivable, cash receipting, accounts payable, payroll, general ledger, budgeting and reporting."

Vadim Software was the cheaper option at \$123,454, but staff preferred Diamond Municipal Solutions for the "functions and future capabilities," according to Hunter.

The 2019 budget has \$100,000 allocated for the replacement of the software.

"To help offset the total cost of the software purchase, staff are putting forth a recommendation for council consideration to utilize the additional monies the municipality received for our 2019 OMPF funding (additional \$60,500) as we did not budget or anticipate in receiving these monies for 2019," reads Hunter's report.

Roof tender out for Cardiff

The Cardiff Community Centre and Fire Hall roof replacement tender was released on April 4 and has a closing date of April 25. The tender is for the replacement of shingles for steel roofing.

Swim program

The Cardiff swimming pool is planned to be opened on June 29 for a free swim. Lessons begin July 1 at the pool and beach, weather permitting.

Three staff from 2018 are returning to the Cardiff swimming pool, and two new applications have been received for life-guard positions.

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— Report from clerk
Robyn Rogers

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The festival is a celebration of the joy of musical performance in which our local musicians of all ages perform and then are critiqued by professional musicians. There will be performances by pianists,

instrumentalists, singers, orchestras, and choirs.

The general public is most welcome to attend the classes, and admission is free. On Thursday, instrumental and orches-

tral classes will be held in the morning and early afternoon, and vocal and cho- ral classes will be held from mid-after- noon through the evening. On Friday, piano classes will be held in the morning through mid-afternoon, and then again in the evening.

On Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. the High- lights Concert will showcase the best per- formers of the festival as recommended by the adjudicators. The charge for admis- sion for the concert is \$10 per person.

This year our adjudicators are John Kraus, music director and conductor of the Northumberland Orchestra and Choir, soprano Maureen Ferguson, and pianist Amy Boyes.

An additional feature of the festival this year is a sale of used music that will take place during the days of the festival classes. A variety of music will be avail- able. Purchase will be by donation, with proceeds going to help fund the festival. You don't need to be attending the festi- val to participate – just come to the the- atre's lobby in the high school where the sale will be set up.

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Stephens retires from high school, looking forward to new chapter

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Educators, musicians, singers, and friends of retired teacher Melissa Stephens filled McKecks Tap and Grill in Haliburton on Thursday, March 28 to tell stories and give thanks to the woman who has spent 20 years teaching everything from arts and math to science and drama with passion.

In the 40-plus years of living in Haliburton County it was the first time she has retired from anything, the notoriously busy Stephens said, "This is new ground for me."

Her career began as a four-week maternity leave contract and ended up lasting two decades. Among her listed highlights in her two decade high school career: being a musical director on *Grease*; designing the renovation plans for the high school's Room 15, which features the kitchen; accepting the catering job for an autumn wedding for 150; catering the Ontario Senior Winter Games twice; catering a cancer survivor dinner for 300 at Relay for Life; going on a trip with four students to a conference in Winnipeg; and other school trips to Ottawa and Niagara Falls.

Colleague and friend Jackie Mayhew, the school's head secretary, told the audience about the advice Stephens gave her during a retirement speech she gave for Brenda Robinson 15 years ago.

"She said, 'Picture your audience naked and you won't be so nervous.' It worked. I got through it just fine. But I've got to say, 15 years later folks ..." Mayhew said, waiting for the explosion of laughter to die down, "Melissa's been imagining you all naked." "I love this woman. I mean we all do, right? Or we wouldn't be here. My connections with her will not be the same as everyone else's. She has so many pots in the fire I wonder how she is able to form and maintain relationships with so many people. She obviously does. Look at all the people that are here from different areas of her life."

Mayhew said she got to know Stephens better when her children took music lessons years ago from Stephens. The friendship also grew from their time together at the high school and a "common love of the HHSS Scholarship Committee."

"We all know how amazing Melissa is at everything she does. She's a legend truly," Mayhew said. "Did you know she is amazing with math skills, too? The first time I watched her add 10 columns of figures without a calculator for reimbursement comes to mind. I reverted to my adding machine after she left the office, [thinking] of course, sure, it would be wrong. No, it was perfect. That's Melissa. And that's the way it always went."

Stephens was responsible for design-



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Melissa Stephens smiles during a speech with her husband Craig Saunders in front, laughing. Friends and colleagues packed McKecks Tap and Grill for her retirement party on Thursday, March 28 in Haliburton. Stephens had worked for 20 years at the local high school, teaching virtually every subject from the arts to math. /DARREN LUM Staff

ing and maintaining Room 15, which included a kitchen. She kept inventory of all the utensils and assorted pieces from the room. As Mayhew spoke, a long line of people grew, snaking their way from the bar to the front table where they jokingly returned items. It took a few minutes and ended with teacher Dan Fockler, removing items from all of the pockets from his cargo pants.

"Always a good reason to wear cargo pants," Fockler said.

Stephens's skills include sewing, which she has used to help with mending and creating costumes for the theatre as well as adding the letter H to hockey jerseys for retiring staff from HHSS. Mayhew said instead of relying on her poor skills she had Sylvia Winder sew the H on Stephens's jersey.

"Melissa, I will be in touch for the next retirement, though," she said.

Mayhew summed up her thoughts by saying, "You are one of the most gifted, amazing people I have ever known and I wish you much joy and peace in the next phase of your journey."

Long-time friend and teaching colleague Jennifer Paton spoke on behalf of the teachers at HHSS referencing the high standards Stephens set.

"We have loved working with you. All the things you do. Just the parts at HHSS make us feel tired and inadequate. But we have gotten used to that. We will miss your dedication, your commitment, your creativity, your attention to detail and your efficiency. You fed us. You made us laugh. You solved problems, especially the clothing. From a broken zipper on a toddler's

snowsuit to altering a grad gown ... your courses engage students, including some of the toughest ones. When that crew are happy and busy everything in our building goes better."

Paton told stories from students, including one who said, "I was so scared at first, but now she is my best friend. She makes me laugh."

Former HHSS principal and current Haliburton County school board trustee Gary Brohman provided a message from Florida through current HHSS principal Chris Boulay.

He said her career was "pure magic for all the students she taught, but more so moved intellectually, emotionally and [made] a difference in their lives that will last a lifetime."

Brohman said Stephens brought that magic through in everything she taught.

"Melissa had a very diversified teaching career and [it] was handled by her better than any conductors, artists, scientists, chefs could possibly perform on their best

days. She did all this with integrity, compassion, dedication and the betterment for her students. I truly admire your energy and talent," he said.

Former music student and past HHSS colleague Sam Little sent a message from France: "You are one of the most gifted people I have had the privilege to work with. You are master multi-tasker that organizes and completes more in a week than most people do in a month. The amount you accomplish on weekends resembles a work week for some and you are still the only person I know who can mark tests, make a coat for your dog and watch a baseball game at the same time."

Stephens thanked the Walkers, who own McKecks, for their service in hosting the event, and her colleagues and friends Chris Simpson, former HHSS principal Dan Marsden, Mayhew, Paton, Boulay and Little.

She offered the audience an insight into a new chapter of her life after the last Friday of school.

"Craig, when we got married our invitation said something about 'We were the best of friends.' Well, we still are, but maybe not after next week," she joked, referring to the first week of retirement.

"We're starting a new journey in our life. You've been so supportive of me. Almost every morning he makes sure I get a good breakfast and when we only had one car he would drive me to school and then waited until I got in the door. I'm looking forward to our plans for the future, but I think I'm a little worried about the dog because I think he's going to be very upset on Monday morning when I don't go to work."

Stephens said she hopes to take some university courses, learn how to weave, go golfing, walk the dog, play the cello, develop her tech skills and catch up on some reading.

"I always knew from early on I wanted to be a teacher. So this is a quote [from Henry Adams] for the teachers: A teacher affects eternity. He can never tell where his influence stops," she said. True to character, she not only ended her speech by thanking everyone, but also promised to have cinnabuns in the staff lounge for her colleagues on her last morning of work.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Melissa Stephens, pictured over the years of her two decade teaching career in the Highlands, in this display board.



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Wedding photographer finds true calling outdoors

Caitlin Dunlop, a local wedding photographer based in Haliburton, is looking forward to a busy season in her second year of working outside of the studio.
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SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Caitlin Dunlop remembers being quite young, maybe about eight or nine, when she first used a point and shoot camera and developed an interest in photography.

Her dad Kevin, a local marquetry and woodworking artist, would take photos to get ideas and inspiration for his own artwork. While on hikes, Caitlin would tag along, taking photos of trees, bark and lakes.

"Definitely that influenced me when I was younger," she said of her dad's work. "It was a cool hobby for awhile. I decided to try it out."

A few years later, while on an overnight camp, Caitlin's parents sent her with a camera.

"That was like, 'oh, I want to take a picture of this, and this,'" she said. "I wanted to document everything."

After the camp, Caitlin's dad helped her upload and edit the photos, and she was hooked. She took photos throughout her teen years, remembering that she expressed herself a lot through photography, but hadn't really thought to make it a career. Now, Caitlin is celebrating her first year as a professional photographer.

"It was always a hobby," she said. "I never really wanted to pursue it, but here I am."

Caitlin was in the right place at the right time to move into an available photography studio in Minden in November 2017. She was there until about March of 2018.

"I took over [there] for awhile but then kind of quickly realized studio photography wasn't what I wanted to do," she said. "Once I walked away from the studio, people thought I was out of business ... I'm still very much in business ... Once it got nice outside, I just saw no need to be in the studio anymore."

Perhaps with her childhood experience of nature photography in mind, Caitlin got back outdoors to focus on shooting weddings and couple photography. She also shoots boudoir photography but noted that's usually an indoor job.

Her work takes her to cottages and alongside lakes throughout the county and surrounding area, but Caitlin said she takes care to not fall into a favourite location routine.

"I like to change it up a lot so everyone's photos are not looking the same," she said.

Photography has even taken her to Cuba, where she was able to shoot an engagement photo session as well as a beachside wedding.

Now in her second year, Caitlin said wedding photo sessions are booking quickly and business is going well.

"Every wedding is so different," she said. "I get to see that glimpse into their life ... which is really interesting. It's so different every time. I'm not going in with a game plan. To an extent you are, the timeline is laid out, but in a studio I would have pose A, B, C, D. In a wedding you have to think on your feet, you have to be ready for any situation that's going to come, rain or shine or whatever. There have definitely been some wild things at weddings. I think that's why [I like it], it's just always different."

Samples of Caitlin's work is available for viewing at caitlindunlopphotography.weebly.com, via Facebook at Caitlin Dunlop Photography or on Instagram at [caitlin_dunlop_photography](https://www.instagram.com/caitlin_dunlop_photography).

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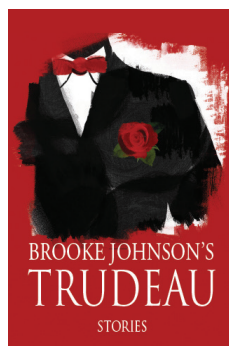


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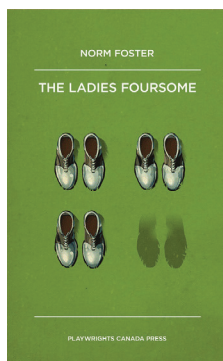
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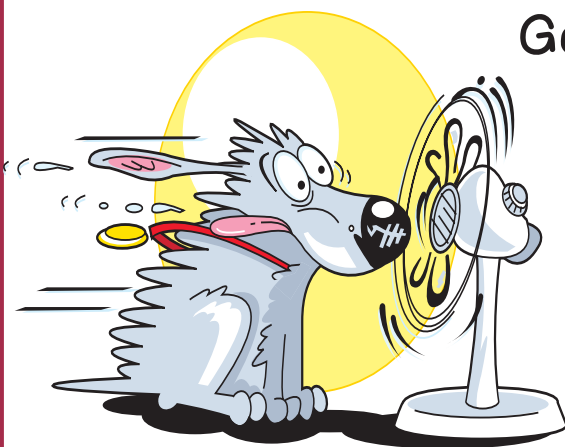
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O'Mara embraces the wonderful world of dog shows

JENN WATT

Editor

Christopher O'Mara spends much of his time with four-legged friends; from Monday to Thursday he's a dog groomer with Pretty Paws Pet Boutique and Spa in Haliburton, and on weekends he packs his pups in his Dodge Caravan and hits the road, competing in shows across Ontario and the northeastern United States.

O'Mara fell into the world of dog showing in 2015 when he bought his Bedlington terrier, Howie.

A rare breed with puffy, lamb-like fur, the Bedlington terrier offered him a grooming challenge, but the breeder said he was only willing to part with Howie as long as O'Mara was willing to show him.

"Part of the deal when I got the dog was that I would learn to show him and try to show him to a Canadian championship," O'Mara said.

"I agreed that I would try to learn how to show him and then it became one of those strange addictions, because it's a really fun world and my experience with it has been a really social one. I've made a ton of really, really good friends on the show circuit across North America and so that's what keeps me going out to them."

Howie is now semi-retired and O'Mara has branched into the world of Whippets, a medium-size hound with a silhouette reminiscent of a greyhound.

He wasn't sure at first about the world of dog shows, but it didn't take him long to warm up to the concept.

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It's those moments of complete, 100 per cent focused time with your dog.

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"It was the first show I went to, I kind of was looking around and thinking this is a special kind of crazy ... but at the end of the weekend I thought, I'm coming back to do this again," he said, explaining it gave him concentrated time with Howie.

"It's those moments of complete, 100 per cent focused time with your dog where your dog is giving you absolutely everything they can to give you their best. It's a test of your training skills also – how well is this six-month-old puppy going to react to being in a room with 200 dogs? Or in the case of bigger shows, like Crufts, that's a show with 28,000 dogs."

Crufts, which takes place each year in Birmingham, England, is billed as one of the biggest dog events in the world. This year O'Mara attended to cheer on a dog and help its handler. He said he plans to go back next year and hopes one of his Whippets will qualify.

The world of dog showing can be as laid back or as intense as you make it,



Christopher O'Mara stands with his Whippet, Fame, who was named "best puppy in specialty" at the Great Lakes Whippet Club. /Photo courtesy of Dean Dennis of Ringside Images

O'Mara said, with some people who "live, breathe, eat and sleep" showing dogs, and others who don't dedicate quite as much time to it.

Aside from his pet grooming business and regular trips to dog shows, he also breeds Bedlington terriers and Whippets.

First, he bred a Bedlington litter (which he jokingly calls a "singlington," since it was a litter of one), with the offspring having a tail too short for showing. That dog ended up living as a pet with one of his friends in Montreal.

He's also purchased a foundation stock of Whippets, but they're not old enough yet to be bred. It will involve health testing, including eyes, heart, elbows, hips and knees. The process is long and there are no guarantees.

"You do invest all of this money up front in addition to the purchase price and you may never breed that dog," O'Mara said.

"It has to be about love and the dogs ... it can't be about money. I gotta tell you, it's an expense, not an income," he said.

Preparing to show a dog isn't a matter of getting out the scissors and a bottle of shampoo the week before; it's a process that starts when the dog is a puppy and includes not only appearance, but performance and poise – of dog and handler alike. That means obedience, manners and leash training, getting them used to the kennel and to strangers.

"With the Whippets, we also then are really looking at conditioning, because Whippets are a muscular breed. They need to exercise long distances, running regularly," O'Mara said.

The process of showing the dog can be stressful, with an audience, fellow dog handlers and esteemed judges following your every move.

"I would say 80 per cent of the time, if something goes wrong in the ring, it's not because of something the dog has done. It's because the handler has done something wrong. Either I cut the dog off so she didn't move right or I had the leash too tight up so her neck was up and back instead of out and forward, so that affects their movement. It can be really nerve wracking," he said.

And every once in a while, something does go awry.

"I'll never forget, Howie ... I got him

at Thanksgiving and then winter came so all of his show training was indoors and the first outdoor show was on grass. I had worked so hard to potty train that dog so that he would go to the bathroom outside on the grass and we walked in the ring on the grass and the first thing he did was poop," O'Mara laughs, "And you can't reprimand them because you've literally spent seven months training them that this is where [the dog goes] to the bathroom, so you just have to deal with it."

In his relatively brief dog showing career, O'Mara's had success with both Howie and Fame, his Whippet.

This fall, Fame won "best puppy in specialty" at the Great Lakes Whippet Club. Howie won "best of winners" at the Hatboro Dog Club in the U.S. on the Montgomery Circuit, a highly competitive terrier circuit.

"Winning best of winners there was a huge honour," he said.

His long-term goal is to go back to Crufts with his own dog.

"All of my girls right now are not home-bred. They are dogs I have purchased from other breeders as my foundation. My goal is to take something that I breed, show it to championship or grand championship in Canada and make it to the Crufts qualifier. That's my goal," he said.

O'Mara is an enthusiastic promoter of dog showing. His nephews have shown an interest in getting into the sport and he encourages anyone curious about the process to attend a show. One is scheduled in Lindsay for the weekend of April 26 to 28.

During his time showing dogs, he's made lifelong friends and had fun. While he's always aiming to win, O'Mara said you have the best time when you keep things in perspective.

"You just have to want it to be fun. I think the hardest thing to teach new people – but the most important thing – is that it is about the dog. It's not about you and your feelings ... At the end of the day, it's really just a dog show, you know? We're not negotiating world peace. We're not trying to come up with a solution to Brexit. This isn't brain surgery. It's a dog show. It's as much stress as you let it be."



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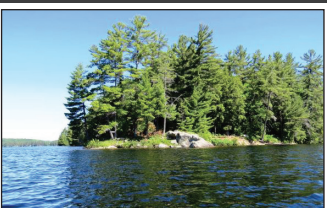
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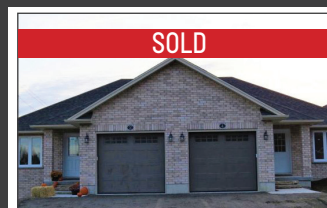
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Jaguars win county tournament

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Solid team play and a team first attitude propelled the Jaguars intermediate basketball team to a championship title.

With peers and faculty of the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School watching on screens in the Haliburton school, the Grade 7/8 Jaguars won the Division A Intermediate Girls County Tournament by beating Jack Callaghan 14-10 in the final on Tuesday, April 9 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.

Head coach Andrew Dawson said the broadcast motivated his players, who had come in with a belief they could win it all.

"We all knew they were watching and that motivated us. It made it more fun. We felt like a professional ball club," coach Andrew Dawson wrote.

This title is likely the team's first championship in at least nine years, said assistant coach Jessica Madamba, who said this success is attributed to how the group played together.

During practices, the team would pass the ball up to 20 times, which "highlighted for them that it's not about who gets the basket but rather how as a team you get the ball in the basket."

She adds "they were always encouraging each other and lifting each other up. Technique and skill are important but we also wanted to impress upon them that their attitude and openness to critique is also critical to team success."

Dawson said coming into the tournament, the team had prepared with practices Tuesday and Thursday mornings every week since February. The team's practices helped to prepare the team for "game situations."

They focused on transition defence by making sure all five players were getting back to their own three point line to be in position for defensive coverages.



The J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars won the Division A Intermediate Girls County Tournament by beating Jack Callaghan 14-10 on Tuesday, April 9 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. Back row from left, Jessica Madamba, assistant coach, Justin Horner, JDHES student manager, Ceinwyn Mathura, Brooklyn Sidsworth, Grace Graham, Allie Todd, Taylor Horsley, Sophie Longo, Avery Horner and Campbell Itani-Smith. Front row from left, Andrew Dawson, head coach, Paige Hough, Chloe Billings, Emmerson Wilson, Oceane Harris and Liah Gallant. /Submitted by Jennifer Horner

The team focused on team play and drills were done using the full court.

"We worked on getting low while playing defence. We worked on moving without the basketball and the importance of talking on defence," he wrote in an email.

The team's road to the final wasn't without challenge.

During the opening round-robin game, the Jaguars were pushed to double overtime by Ridgewood Public School. The green and white won the marathon, outscoring their opponents 30-28. Ceinwyn Mathura, who had a "relentless motor

and a great jump shot," scored the game-winner.

The next game the Jaguars won in regulation beating Jack Callaghan 13-8, who they would face again in the title final. Then the Jaguars dominated Lady Mackenzie 22-6 in the semi-finals to earn a berth to the championship final against Jack Callaghan.

"After every win in the tournament our girls were not satisfied. We weren't content with just winning one game or reaching the semi-finals. Our goal was to win the whole thing and once the final bell/buzzer went off the entire team jumped with joy and celebrated because we knew we had done it as a team. There was no ego on our squad. No one cared who scored as long as at the end of the game we got the W (the victory)," Dawson wrote.

Notable quotes regarding Jaguars players by coach Dawson:

Mathura "rebounded the ball exceptionally well. She started most games for our team."

Brooklyn Sidsworth had a play named after her called Brooklyn, which was a fast break play initiated off a rebound where she would throw an outlet pass to a guard at the mid-court.

"We scored many points off the fast break because of the Brooklyn pass. She also has a great shot in the paint and she is a fantastic rebounder of the basketball."

"Grace [Graham] was our warrior down low in terms of boxing out the opponents, scoring on the offensive glass and rebounding the basketball tirelessly."

"At the start of the season Allie [Todd] was shy but by the end of the tournament she was always willing to do the dirty work, fight for a loose ball and grab a rebound for the team."

Taylor Horsley "could mix it up both inside and outside on the offensive end. She was very skilled at controlling the ball and not afraid to guard some of the fastest girls on the opposing team."

Sophie Longo was a "vocal leader" and could "dribble score, pass, defend and

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Our goal was to win the whole thing and once the final bell/buzzer went off the entire team jumped with joy and celebrated ...

— Coach Andrew Dawson

rebound. All around skilled baller."

Avery Horner "was like a gazelle on the basketball court."

"She is an incredible offensive rebounder. She knows how to get open without the basketball. She was our go-to scorer this season and throughout the tournament."

Campbell Itani-Smith "was one of our best scorers" and "was a super hard worker."

"Paige [Hough] improved dramatically throughout the season ... when her hands are up and she's focused on defence she is very hard to score on."

"Chloe [Billings] brought toughness to our team ... She was super motivational throughout the time-outs and was always one of the girls who encouraged her teammates."

"Emmerson [Wilson] was the shortest player on our team, but one of the leaders ... you should see her battling for rebounds. She may be small but, man, she is big when it comes to heart and determination."

"Oceane [Harris] is a pure shooter ... her nickname should be nothing but net because when she shoots it's just so pure."

"Liah [Gallant] guarded the best ball handlers and she was ferocious on defence ... was the equivalent to the NBA's Russell Westbrook ... super competitive and the fastest player on our team ... played with intensity and the most heart ... the definition of a competitor."



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Monday, May 6, 2019
- **TIME:** 3:30 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

Application:

- Lands of MacFarlane and Korenberg
- Purpose and Effect: The proposed amendment would rezone the lands from Tourist Commercial Zone (CT) to Waterfront Residential Type 3 Zone (WR3) as the property is used for residential purposes.
- Location: 2661 Kashagawigamog Road, Part Lot 1, Concession 5, in the Geographic Township of Dysart.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm), Monday to Friday.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 16th day of April, 2019.

Sue Harrison, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner
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Lady Red Hawks curlers congratulated on their season

As the curling season wraps up, and a window of time makes itself available for writing and reflection, I would like to congratulate the Lady Red Hawk Curlers for their successful curling season this year, and to thank the Haliburton Curling Club and their volunteers for the successes of the Red Hawk curling teams.

This year, the Lady Red Hawks fielded two curling teams, and both were very successful in their event streams.

The first Lady Red Hawk team led by skip Mackenzie Tidey, vice Chelsea Flynn, second Holly Parish, lead Hannah Lewis, and alternate Jocelyn Chumbley entered the Gore Mutual event stream.

The curlers won the Gore Zones earning them a berth into the Gore Regionals, where they also earned a first place finish. Winning the regional qualifier meant the ladies were off to Pembroke for the Gore Provincials.

I believe this is the fifth year in a row that Haliburton Highlands has sent a Lady Red Hawk team to Gore Provincials.

Unfortunately, in the first game of play at provincials, the skip Mackenzie Tidey experienced a knee injury sidelining her for the rest of the competition. Chelsea Flynn stepped into skip position, with Kaylee Warren, an alternate provided by the Pembroke Curling Club, who stepped in as vice.

Although the curlers played their best in the remaining round robin games, they did not make it into the playoffs.

On an individual note, I would like to congratulate Mackenzie Tidey for winning the Sportsmanship Award at the Gore Provincial Competition. Winning this award speaks volumes to the character of this young woman and athlete.

The recipient of this award is chosen by the curlers of the other teams, not by the coaches, not by the convenors, and not by her teammates.

Mackenzie played half of the first game, but her impact as a leader, a curler and an athlete, her genuine smiles and camaraderie were so prevalent, that without even going on the ice, her peer group bestowed upon her the highest honour – the Sportsmanship Award.

The second Lady Red Hawk Team led by skip Jessica Byers, vice Lena Haase, second Savannah Byers, lead Hannah Lewis, and alternate Chelsea Flynn also did very well this season.

The team had to make a few positional adjustments due to Mackenzie's injury. Lena stepped in as vice, Savannah moved up to second and Hannah came on as lead. The team won the Kawartha Championship earning them a berth into COSSA. At COSSA the women were silver medalists. They battled hard missing gold and a berth to OFSAA by one rock.

Gore Zone champions. Gore Regionals champions. Gore Provincial finalists. Kawartha champions. COSSA silver medalists. When HHSS Red Hawk curlers enter a curling club, other teams know who we are. One might think that the Red Hawk success is due to a strong high



school program, but that is not the case. The Red Hawk curling success is directly linked to the volunteers of the Elementary Youth Program that is largely funded and run by the Haliburton Curling Club.

"It takes a village to raise a child," and the village of volunteers at the Haliburton Curling Club need to be heralded for their incredible efforts and honoured for the countless hours dedicated to teaching the curling fundamentals to the youth of our community. These dedicated individuals have been bussing young people from JDH every Tuesday after school from October to March, providing the youth with snacks, providing the initial equipment, coaching the fundamentals, and organizing bonspiels as these young curlers grow and develop. And they have been doing so for years; I know because that is how my girls learned to curl and where they started their love of the sport.

So it is to all of the volunteers past and present that I give thanks.

To Hugh Nichol, Wanda Stephens, Bob and Anne MacNaull, Terry Lawrence, Dave Ablett, Dave Ogilvie, Russ Duhaime, Ron Draper, Lolita Mitchell, Linda Boore, the Aldoms, Cathy Chumbley, Dan Byers, Aggie Tose, the ice makers, and everyone else that I have missed. Thank you. Thank you from the perspective of a staff advisor for giving these young women the skills to play at the highest levels of competition. Thank you from the perspective of a parent for giving my daughters a passion for a sport that they will play for life. Thank you from the perspective of a community member for reminding us of the importance of volunteering and what it means in the lives of young people.

Submitted by Cynthia McAlister

The Red Hawks girls' curling team of Mackenzie Tidey, left, Chelsea Flynn, Holly Parish, Hannah Lewis and Jocelyn Chumbley (and staff advisor Cynthia McAlister) stand together following their win at the Gore Regionals competition on Feb. 2 at the Sutton Curling Club. /Submitted by Cynthia McAlister.



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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING START TIME CHANGE

Effective April 23, 2019 Council Meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. The Procedural By-law will be amended accordingly.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING SEWER SERVICE RATES

Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al will be considering a proposed amendment to Sewer Service Rates at their meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Effective January 1, 2019, rates per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit) will increase from \$613 to \$638. Effective May 1, 2019, Metered rates will increase from \$30.83 to \$32.06 per 1,000 gallons.

Further information on the proposed Sewer Service Rates are available on the Municipality's website at www.dysartetel.ca, or at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

NOTICE OF THE NAMING OF ALL PUBLIC/PRIVATE ROADS

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c.25, as amended, the Dysart et al Municipal Council, at their regular meeting to be held on April 23, 2019, will be considering a by-law to name all public and private roads, as required, to accommodate the addition of the following roads:

Ironshore Trail and Skinner Trail

Cheryl Coulson, Clerk

NOTICE (Applicant – SPEIRAN)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF GLAMOR LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 2019** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 35, Concession 10, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1, on the Preliminary Plan made by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd., O.L.S., dated November 28, 2018.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of April, 2019.

ROBYN ROGERS
CLERK
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REQUEST FOR TENDERS OPERATION OF THE CONCESSION BOOTH AT THE A.J. LaRUE ARENA 2 Year Contract July 1, 2019 to June 15, 2021

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for operation of the concession booth at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

SUPPLY OF ONE REGULAR CAB DUAL-WHEEL ONE-TON TRUCK WITH DUMP BODY

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for the supply of one regular cab dual-wheel one-ton truck with dump body. Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2019.

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Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON.

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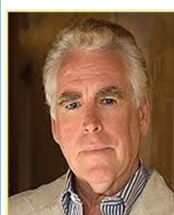
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Around the County

Curling club season draws to a close

JENN WATT

Editor

The Haliburton Curling Club continued to be highly active over the last year, attracting nearly 50 new members for a total of about 250. Many of those curlers take advantage of the sessional format the club offers, which allows flexibility for winter travel.

The format requires extra work for the convenors, said Kent Milford, VP of the club, but it's also a popular feature. Several clubs have contacted Haliburton to find out how they make it work.

Milford joined the club after moving to the Highlands from Newmarket and said the curling club was the best way to meet people and get involved in the community.

On Saturday, the club held its end-of-year bonspiel, which included live music by Mike Clewlow and The Recycled Teenagers, draws, and a pig roast.

Garth Krieger (aka Pigman 1) and Keith Clarkson (aka Pigman 2) tended to the two 60-pound pigs outside the club entrance for much of the day. This was their fourth year preparing pig roast for dinner.

The bonspiel is the one time of the year when everyone in the club can play in the same event. Milford said curlers from 12 to 90 years old competed. Teams were piped onto the rink by Fraser MacDonald Saturday afternoon.



Fraser MacDonald pipes in curlers during the end-of-year bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club on Saturday, April 13. / JENN WATT Staff

Curlers take to the ice in the last bonspiel of the year on Saturday, April 13. It's the only bonspiel where all members of the club can play together.



Garth Krieger and Keith Clarkson, affectionately known as Pigman 1 and Pigman 2, look at the pig they've tended to since 11 a.m. This was the fourth year for the pig roast at the end-of-year bonspiel.

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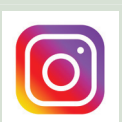
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- 27. Where UK soldiers train
- 28. One point north of due east
- 29. Attention-getting
- 34. Ballplayer's tool
- 35. Sun up in New York
- 36. Where golfers begin
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Represented as walking (animal)
- 40. Craftsman
- 41. Unit of force (abbr.)
- 42. Dueling sword
- 44. Houston hoopster
- 45. Stone building at Mecca
- 46. __ and flows
- 47. "Beastmaster" actor Singer
- 48. American state
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. U.S. island territory
- 53. German physicist
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

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"I started at this 10 years ago," Krangle said during a gathering at the property on April 14, explaining he didn't know much about maple syrup at the time, and had had pure maple syrup only occasionally growing up.

"The odd time we had real maple syrup at home," he said, but added what was on the table was often Aunt Jemima or Bee Hive.

Krangle and a friend had taken an MNR course on maple syrup-making near Dorset and when he returned to his own wooded property outside West Guilford, thought he could do the same there.

Krangle also decided any syrup he managed to sell would go toward a cause.

"My son Chuck, here, was my inspiration," Krangle said, gesturing to his son, who served with the military in Afghanistan.

Upon returning from a tour of duty, Chuck had given his father a copy of the book *Fifteen Days* by Christie Blatchford, a look inside life with the Canadian army, and the carnage that comes with it.

"It's the carnage that got me thinking,

what can I do at a grassroots level?" Krangle said. "This country's been amazing to me and my family. I wanted to give to the men and women who have come home with all kinds of injuries."

Krangle donates the sales of his syrup – Syrup for Soldiers – to Wounded Warriors Canada, an organization that supports injured veterans, especially with post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental scars that can come with serving in the military.

"We couldn't do what we do without generosity like this," said Dan Hrechka, a retired sergeant with the armed forces and an ambassador for Wounded Warriors Canada.

Not only does the organization assist military veterans, but Hrechka said more and more, first responders – firefighters, police officers, paramedics – are coming forward with cases of PTSD.

In honour of Krangle's contributions, RBC made a \$1,000 donation to Wounded Warriors. Syrup for Soldiers is available at the West Guilford store, or can be ordered at www.syrupforsoldiers.ca.



From left, Wayne Krangle, his son Chuck, Dan Hrechka of Wounded Warriors Canada, and Meredith Mednick, Elizabeth O'Connor and Lynne Chynoweth of RBC. RBC presented Wounded Warriors with a cheque for \$1,000 on April 14, in honour of the \$50,000 Krangle has raised for the organization through sales of Syrup for Soldiers. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Minden man wins early bird draw

Lisa Tompkins, executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, holds the winning Cash for Care early bird ticket on Monday, April 15 at the Haliburton hospital, surrounded by representatives of HHHS and HHSF. Neil Walker of Minden won \$500 in the third of four early bird draws. The next is May 15. The final three draws will be held on May 30 with \$20,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 to be won. To get your ticket, call 705-457-1580 or go to hhhs.ca/foundation. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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Enjoy a FREE three-course lunch every Tuesday from 12 to 2 p.m. at Molly's Bistro Bakery in Minden as part of Cook It Up. An initiative of SIRCH, Cook it Up is a training program that helps unemployed and underemployed individuals gain skills for the food services industry. Lunches take place every week from March 12 until May 7.

Life in the Mongolian Steppe

When: Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside, Minden
Join Michele Swyer and learn about her fascinating journey to this unusual land. Sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists www.hhfn.ca

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wed. Apr. 17. Doors open 6 p.m., speaker 7 p.m.

Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden

What: Linda Heeps presents the Legion's Veterans' Gravestone Project

Cost: No charge, everyone welcome

For more info contact: Gail 705-286-2225

The Choice

A Good Friday cantata directed by Melissa Stephens

When: Friday, April 19,

Where: 9 a.m. Highland Hills United Church in Minden

11:15 a.m. at Haliburton United Church in Haliburton

Presented by the combined choirs of Highland Hills United Church and Haliburton United Church and several actors. All are welcome.

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, April 24, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205

CFUW Speaker: Julia Sutton

When: Thursday, April 25, 7 to 8 p.m.

Where: Abbey Gardens Retreat Centre

Julia Sutton will speak about natural shorelines, landscape restoration and creating spaces for humans and wildlife with native plants. She has worked for conservation authorities in eastern Ontario, carried out forest inventories in partnership with First Nations and coordinated a fish and stream monitoring program. Open to the public. Cost is free, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Scholarship Fund welcome. After the talk there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the speaker. CFUW business to follow.

Historical Society Talk: Ted Brandon

When: Thursday, April 25, 1:30 p.m. light refreshments, 2 p.m. speaker

Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum

Hosted by the Haliburton County Historical Society. Ted Brandon, president of the Haliburton Rotary Club will walk us through 75 years of Rotary presence in the County.

Free Used Music!

When: Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

Used music will be available during the music festival thanks to several county musicians. The music is free - we just want it to go to a good home - but if you would like to make a donation to the music festival to help cover festival expenses, that would be very welcome. You don't have to be attending the festival to drop by and have a look - everyone is welcome!



Wild dinner at the Legion

Long-time volunteer Dan Johnson, left, who helped cook and co-ordinate kitchen operations for the Wild Game Dinner, works with volunteers preparing arctic char steaks and rainbow trout on Saturday, March 30 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. The dinner included venison, fish, roast buffalo, elk, boar, and bear. The event helped to raise \$4,000 for the fish hatchery. /DARREN LUM Staff

Volunteers given thanks at Highlands East breakfast

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A hearty breakfast was served at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre last Saturday morning April 14. Hosted by Mayor Dave Burton and members of the Highlands East municipal council the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast was given to thank the people who volunteer in our communities. And many do volunteer.

April 27, 2019 10am-5pm
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That's how things get done here. Get together and get it done. Without volunteers, would there be an arena, a community hall, a curling club, a museum, a Legion, sports for kids and adults, churches, firefighters and school helpers in our villages, etc?

Folks who help out in Cardiff, Gooderham, Tory Hill, Essonville, Highland Grove and Wilberforce did seem to enjoy and appreciate this thank you meal together. Perhaps next year's volunteer breakfast will be held in one of the other villages.

A reminder that the annual Maple Fest will be at the Lloyd Watson Centre this Easter Saturday. The golden maple syrup will be enjoyed with pancakes and sausages from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be craft tables. Free coffee and tea all day. If entering the baked bean contest have your entry there for judging at 9 a.m. Sounds like a fun time for food friends and an encounter with the Easter bunny.

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many friends and family.

Sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. By
Isabelle's request, there will be no service. Thank you to all
the doctors and nurses at Victoria Manor and Ross Memorial
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MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Mike Myers loves us. He really loves us.

The night sky over the Highlands was suffused in a warm glow on Tuesday when actor Mike Myers told Conan O'Brien and thousands of Late Show viewers about this great place called Haliburton.

"I love north of Toronto," he said on the late-night television program. "One day I will own a cottage but right now I just couch-surf all my different friends who've got it together to get a cottage..."

"So I go up there and the entire town of Haliburton, Ontario decides to adopt me. They were the nicest - I just felt like the honorary mayor of Haliburton."

"That's the Canadian thing that I love. They just accept you and bathe you" - he raised his eyebrows as he wondered just where he was going with the bathing theme - "and raise you as one of their own."

O'Brien asked Myers about the pin he was wearing. Myers explained it was a miniature Stanley Cup with an engraving of all the years the Toronto Maple Leafs had



Mike Myers and Conan O'Brien discuss the *Echo's* coverage of Myers' visit to Haliburton.

See **Myers extols** page 4



Stuart Baker Elementary School students shook off the winter blahs with an afternoon of invigorating activities such as tobogganing, snowshoeing, ice sculpting, road hockey, and an indoor modified snowball fight (using socks). Here a group of young boys head for the hills.

Fantastiquities exciting new idea for museum

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Museum director Tom Ballantine has asked for an \$11,075 increase to the \$88,059 budget provided by Dysart last year. The majority of the increase would pay for 10 more working days for him, a return of the curator position to 40 weeks and a slight raise to enable the hiring of two post-secondary students.

"When people donate to this museum, we act as a public trust... They expect us to be acceptable managers of this community's history," says Ballantine. "Last fall we were tested (by provincial government). We received 80 per cent on conservation efforts. I would be remiss if I didn't say we're in jeopardy of losing provincial funding. Layoffs have had a cumulative effect of a 27 per cent loss in time."

He and new museum board director Sandi Luck said

that the museum needs more money for promotion of events and upcoming exhibits in order to attract more visitors to the museum.

"There are almost 19,000 artifacts illustrating Haliburton's identity stored at the museum, and unfortunately a lot of it is just there, being stored. Over 565 individuals and families have donated many of these artifacts with the expectation they would be shared with

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